

Making History

USS *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78) and USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75) transited the Atlantic Ocean together and made history last week. It was the first time *Ford*- and *Nimitz*-class aircraft carriers have operated together underway.

Ford was underway conducting integrated air wing operations, and the *Truman* Carrier Strike Group was at sea as a certified carrier strike group force ready for tasking to protect the crew from COVID-19. NNS shipbuilders built both ships. *Truman* was delivered to the Navy in 1998, and *Ford* was delivered in 2017.

Earlier in the week, the Navy announced *Ford*'s largest air wing embark to date. The carrier also completed its first ordnance movement from a lower deck magazine to F/A-18E Super Hornets using its state-of-the-art advanced weapons elevators.

Shipbuilders Roll Up Sleeves to Save Lives

Shipbuilders participated in an on-site blood drive at Newport News Shipbuilding for the first time in two months on June 4. American Red Cross staffing modifications as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of planned drives in April and May.

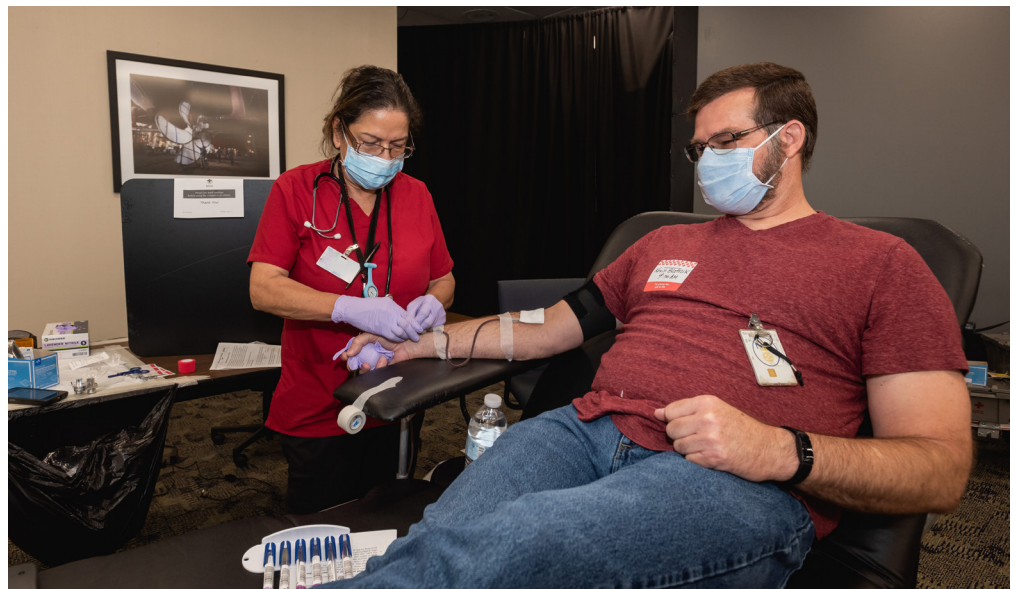
Jayston Stamper (O43) was among the shipbuilders who rolled up their sleeves to donate blood at the drive. For him, giving blood is deeply personal and meaningful.

“Back when my wife and I were first having kids, we lost our first child. She had many blood transfusions while we were trying to save her. I feel like I would not have had the time I did with my daughter if not for contributions from other donors,” Stamper said. “It was important for me to give back. It also helped me to heal a little bit, so it was kind of therapeutic.”

Across the room, **Tim Reynolds** (T56) was making his 80th donation. He said it’s especially important to give blood now, since the American Red Cross was forced to cancel so many drives because of the ongoing pandemic.

“It’s one small thing we can do to help the front-line people,” Reynolds said. “It gives me a good feeling knowing that I’m giving back.”

He encourages fellow shipbuilders to give blood, and said he’s a “huge fan” of the



Shipbuilder **Kevin Blatnik** donates blood during the June 4 drive in Bldg. 520. Photo by **Matt Hildreth**

drives at NNS. “Don’t be afraid to donate. It’s a very important thing. For me, it’s a painless process. It’s one little needle stick, which goes away in seconds.”

Shipbuilders who were donating blood were required to wear masks or face coverings and had their temperatures taken at the door. Unable to donate blood because of travels during her military career, **Andria Shearin** (X42) decided to give back by volunteering at the event.

Her daughter, a traveling nurse, is deployed in New York City – which was at the center of the nation’s COVID-19 outbreak. Shearin said her daughter shared her experiences and stressed how important it was for people to donate blood, volunteer and give in other ways.

“It means a lot. It kind of brings tears to my eyes that I’m able to help,” she said. “It doesn’t seem like much, but this is how we’re going to make it. We’re all in this COVID-19 mission together.”

Another blood drive is planned for 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, in Bldg. 520-6 (James River Room). To make an appointment to give blood, contact **Natasha Eck** (E83) at 688-7196 or via email or **Judy Fundak** (K18) via email. A charge is provided for shipbuilders who donate.

Communications Division Wins Video Awards

Newport News Shipbuilding’s Communications Division (O29) video team recently won six Telly Awards. The international awards honor storytelling on all screens, including television, websites and social media channels. The winners are chosen by the Telly Awards Judging Council comprised of more than 200 experts in advertising agencies, production companies and major television networks.

The award-winning videos from NNS include:

Gold Winners

- Branded Content Campaign-Series: I Build, We Build
- General History: *John F. Kennedy* (CVN 79) Christening Ceremony Feature

Silver Winners

- Diversity and Inclusion: I Build, We Build
- Internal Communications: I Build, We Build
- Editing: *John F. Kennedy* (CVN 79) Christening Ceremony Feature

Bronze Winner

- Corporate Image Online Series: Focus NNS

Learning Central Site Goes Live

The Learning Organization recently launched Learning Central, a new portal for all training and learning related resources at Newport News Shipbuilding. Similar to a Google search engine, this portal serves as the landing page for all NNS training organizations to link their training resources directly from the site or provide links back to the home department sites. This enables employees to engage in a one-stop shop approach to all things related to learning, training and leadership development.

The site also serves as a quick reference resource for newly developed programs and services being offered by the Learning Organization. For example, the Leadership, Professional and Organizational Development (O44) group recently launched a Construction Supervisor Training Program that is accessible from Learning Central. The Leadership Corner provides another resource for NNS leaders to engage in industry best practices that are aligned with the company's Leadership Factory model and offers tips for leading in the face of uncertainty and change.

With much of the workforce transitioning into a virtual work

environment in response to COVID-19, Learning Central provides resources for employees who are working remotely. The Virtual Learning Resources page has links to resources that discuss effective habits for working from home, responsible cybersecurity practices, frequently asked questions about working remotely, as well as helpful guides for using Jabber and WebEx.

The Learning Central site will continue to evolve in serving as the central hub for all learning, training and leadership development programs and services at NNS. Shipbuilders are encouraged to browse the site and provide feedback to continue to improve the interactive use and recommended resources to make available on Learning Central. Additionally, the Learning Organization will soon provide access to a companywide distribution that will contain information about NNS learning and training resources. Shipbuilders interested in receiving these communications can sign up on the Learning Central homepage by selecting "Sign up for Learning Organization Communications" in the welcome banner. For more information, email LearningOrganization@hii-nns.com.



ASSA Supports Virginia Peninsula Foodbank

Realizing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on local families, The Apprentice School Student Association (ASSA) stepped up to help those in need. The organization recently donated food to help restock the shelves at the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank.

"As upcoming leaders, it is our job to not only progress and grow within the community, but to take those leadership skills being taught to initiate assistance outside of the company," said **Nahkeya Spencer** (X32), ASSA's public relations chair. "We must remember that although we may not be able to change everyone's situation nor are we capable of changing the world overnight, it is the little efforts that made the biggest difference."

Spencer and **Jonathan Walker** (X36), ASSA treasurer, went to Sam's Club to pick up the items to donate to the foodbank.

Jonathan Walker and **Nahkeya Spencer** stand with items to donate to the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank.

Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

May was Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Because of restrictions in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Asian Shipbuilders Including All Nationalities (ASIAN) employee resource group was not able to hold a public event. However, a presentation featuring the stories of ASIAN members is available on the ERG's MyNNS website.

Resources Available for Employees

Newport News Shipbuilding employees, their dependents and household members have access to confidential, no-cost counseling and resources through HERO: HII Employees Reach Out. To use HERO's services, call the 24/7 phone line at 1-855-400-9185 or visit www.hiihero.com (company code: Huntington Ingalls).

In addition, employees and their dependents enrolled in an HII Anthem medical plan have access to Teladoc Behavioral Health seven days a week from the comfort and privacy of home. To access Teladoc Behavioral Health, visit www.teladoc.com/hii or call 1-800-TELADOC (835-2362).

DATEBOOK

JUNE 11

Join the Spear and Gear Toastmasters Club and 16,400 Toastmasters members around the globe for a virtual meeting in response to the current pandemic. The club's mission is to help shipbuilders gain the benefits of effective communication and leadership skills. It provides a safe environment to learn and practice those skills. The virtual meeting begins at 5 p.m. To participate or to learn more, contact **Sheila Carter** (X72) or **Jamar Skyles** (X44) at spearandgeartoastmastersclub@gmail.com from your personal email address.

JUNE 17

Learn how to save on everything from groceries to vacation during the COVID-19 pandemic during a free webinar from SmartPath at noon. To register, visit www.joinsmartpath.com/HII/classes. If you can't attend live, register anyway and SmartPath will email you a recording of the webinar.

JUNE 19

June 19 is the application deadline for the Huntington Ingalls Industries Scholarship Fund for the 2020-2021 school year. Scholarships are available for students enrolled in two- or four-year college programs and for use toward pre-K school readiness education costs. Visit huntingtoningalls.com/employees/hii-scholarship-fund for more information.

JUNE 23

The Spear and Gear Toastmasters Club invites all Shipbuilders to a virtual membership campaign event at 5 p.m. Attendees will learn about Toastmasters International, the NNS club and the benefits of being a Toastmaster member on your personal and professional endeavors. There also will be a special guest speaker. If interested, RSVP by close of business June 22 at spearandgeartoastmastersclub@gmail.com

JUNE 25

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Engineer Mechanical 3	960	E83	Newport News
Experienced Pipe Welder	732	X18	Newport News
Experienced Structural Welder	484	X18	Newport News
Manager Administration 1	793	O96	Ballston Spa, NY
Production Planner 2	938	X44	Newport News
Refueler	687	X43	Newport News
Systems Application Analyst 2	829	T54	Newport News

Employees are encouraged to use the “**Current HII Employees**” portal to apply. The company continues to offer cash bonus awards for referrals to select positions, visit www.huntingtoningalls.com/careers/refer-a-friend for more information.